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## RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Responsive to a telephone interview with the Examiner, in which the Examiner required an election of species between the Group I species containing in claims 1-4 and the Group II species containing claims 5 and 6, Applicants respond as follows.

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

in a deflective direction of said worm shaft.

1. (Amended) The electric power steering apparatus of claim 7, wherein the biasing member biases said worm shaft deflectable toward said worm wheel,

5. (Amended) The electric power steering apparatus of claim 7, wherein the biasing member biases said worm wheel deflectable toward said worm shaft, in a deflective direction of said worm wheel.





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## IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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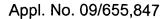
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Respectfully submitted,

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